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Dear Hal:

As you can see this is being written on the last day of the year and I wish that next year will be a good one for you.

I completed a rather long article today which I sent to the "Fourth Decade". In it I debunk the two most recent book additions on the JFK case which are Noel Twyman's, "Bloody Treason" and James Fetzer's, "Assassination Science". Both take the position of Zapruder film alteration plus autopsy & X-ray forgery. In addition Twyman supports Lifton's thesis of JFK body removal from AF-1 plus body alteration. (In Twyman's case his "logic" drove him to accept Lifton's silly theory). Of course Twyman's "logic" of accepting false premises leads inevitably to false conclusions. It's ironic, too, because Fetzer in his book discusses at length the "philosophy" of science.

If "Fourth Decade" prints my piece I'll, of course, send you a copy. And if I get any other articles in print I'll send you copies of those.

Enclosed are a few items relating to Sy Hersh that you requested. I've also included pages (copies) from Ed Gray's new book, "Chief Justice = A Biography of Earl Warren". I selected pages 412 through 431 because those are the pages dealing solely with Kennedy's assassination.

I see nothing very ~~really~~ revealing in Gray's work and I don't think he did a good job in this area. It does not appear he had good access to Warren's personal notes, diaries and he doesn't seem to have contacted very many sources. A disappointing job all around but perhaps you may find use in it.

I had dinner last week with Aguilar and John Judge (who came into S.F. on a visit). Aguilar & Judge discussed the future of "COPA". They both indicated there definitely would be a conference in Dallas next November, 1998 even if it competes directly with "Lancer" (Evica & Debra Conway's group). There is no love between "Lancer" and "COPA" — neither will have anything to do with each other. Charges of lying & bitter attacks between the groups. Judge told Aguilar he's been working for COPA for the last 9 months without a salary. He's told Aguilar he may have to leave. Gary assures me that COPA will stay afloat through all of this — we'll have to see.

Nothing else of news around here. I've heard nothing from Bill Mills so far but I guess he's real busy.

I'll write soon again.

Best,
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